

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Community Health Agency, Department of Animal Services

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 6, 2007

SUBJECT: Riverside County's Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors

- 1) Proclaim April 15 -21, 2007 as Riverside County Animal Control Officer Appreciation Week; and
- 2) Present the proclamation to Robert Miller, Director of Animal Services; Frank Corvino, Deputy Director of Field Services; and, his team of Animal Control Officers.

BACKGROUND: The Riverside County Department of Animal Services and the National Animal Control Association (NACA) are proud to announce the national effort to celebrate and promote the continuing service of our Animal Control Officers. In this spirit of this effort, it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors commemorate the service of Riverside County Animal Control Officers to the residents and animals of our communities.

Robert Miller

Robert Miller
Director of Animal Services

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	06/07
SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A				Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30 <input type="checkbox"/>
				Requires 4/5 Vote <input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

Debra Courneyer

Policy
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 Consent
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 Dept. Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

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PROCLAMATION

April 15th – 21st 2007

Riverside County Animal Control Appreciation Week

WHEREAS the National Animal Control Association has designated a week in April each year to be celebrated as Animal Control Appreciation Week, and

WHEREAS Riverside County Animal Control Officers enforce animal regulations, laws, and ordinances; investigate complaints regarding stray, dangerous, unwanted, or improperly controlled animals, and respond to emergency calls concerning persons bitten by animals; and

WHEREAS Animal Control Officers investigate and prepare animal cruelty cases; work cooperatively with law enforcement groups; and, quarantine potentially rabid animals; and

WHEREAS Animal Control Officers respond to emergency calls concerning animals in distress; rescue and transport sick and injured animals and administer first aid or minor treatments to animals; and

WHEREAS Animal Control Officers responded to more than 34,000 calls regarding Animal Cruelty during 2006: including more than 28,600 calls regarding negligence, over 3200 regarding abandonment of animals, and over 2000 for gross negligence; in which "gross negligence" means that animals were considered to be in mortal danger, and

WHEREAS Animal Control Officers displayed valiant efforts in the line of duty at the Esperanza fire in October 2006, fed and sheltered animals that could not be reached by families and rescued animals in danger.

WHEREAS Animal Control Officers train citizen volunteers to participate in the Riverside Emergency Animal Rescue System, also known as REARS, which is an integral part of the response and mitigation of large emergencies in Riverside County.

WHEREAS Animal Control Officers are on call twenty-four hours a day to fulfill the County's commitment to providing the highest and most efficient level of customer service, and humane treatment of animals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Riverside County does hereby officially recognize the week of April 15th-21st, 2007 as Riverside County Animal Control Officers Week, and respectfully asks all citizens, Public Safety, Health, and Public Service Personnel alike to join in expressing their sincere thanks, gratitude and appreciation for the many long hours of outstanding service and quality performance these outstanding individuals provide throughout the year to assure the safety and welfare of all citizens and animals in Riverside County.